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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - PAN AM'S PROPOSED SUSPENSION OF
ALL-CARGO SERVICES AT KINGSTON

1. ON MAY 7, 1976, PAN AM APPLIED TO THE CIVIL AERONAUTICS
BOARD FOR PERMISSION TO SUSPEND TEMPORARILY ITS ALL-CARGO
SERVICES AT KINGSTON FROM JUNE 7, 1976, THROUGH
DECEMBER 15, 1977. PAN AM PRESENTLY OPERATES THREE WEEKLY
MIAMI-KINGSTON ALL-CARGO FLIGHTS AND ONE WEEKLY KINGSTON-
MIAMI FLIGHT.

2. PAN AM STATES THAT AT TIME OF SUSPENDING PASSENGER
SERVICE, AIRLINE INTENDED TO CONTINUE ALL-CARGO OPERATIONS.
SINCE THAT TIME, HOWEVER, PAN AM'S CARGO TRAFFIC
(PRINCIPALLY CARRIAGE OF HATCHING EGGS) HAS BEEN
INCREASINGLY DIVERTED FROM PAN AM TO OTHER AIRLINES. IN
ADDITION, PAN AM CLAIMS THAT REDUCTION OF ITS
PERSONNEL, ATTENDANT TO SUSPENSION OF PASSENGER SERVICES,
NO LONGER ALLOWS PAN AM TO PROVIDE GROUND HANDLING SERVICES
TO OTHER AIRLINES SERVING KINGSTON. THIS HAS RESULTED IN
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FURTHER DECLINE IN REVENUE. ACCORDINGLY, TO AVOID

SUBSTANTIAL LOSSES (IN CY 1975 PAN AM LOST 142,000 DOLS
ON ALL-CARGO OPERATIONS) PAN AM WISHES TO CEASE ITS
JAMAICA ALL-CARGO FLIGHTS ENTIRELY.

3. IF PAN AM'S APPLICATION IS GRANTED, AIR JAMAICA AND
BWIA WOULD CONTINUE TO SERVE THE MIAMI-KINGSTON MARKET
BY MEANS OF FOUR DAILY COMBINATION (PASSENGER AND CARGO)
FLIGHTS. IN ADDITION, CARGO CHARTER CAPACITY IS
AVAILABLE.

4. COPY OF PAN AM'S APPLICATION IS BEING POUCHED. KISSINGER

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